



## DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE

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### DELAWARE SENDS SECOND WILDFIRE CREW TO CALIFORNIA

A 20-member wildfire crew from Delaware is now in northern California battling the Siskiyou Complex Fire in Klamath National Forest about 18 miles south of Happy Camp in northwestern California. The fire has burned 55,616 acres so far and is 42% contained. Structures and cultural resources are threatened. The group, Delaware's second crew dispatched this summer, departed early on July 27, 2008, from Blackbird State Forest near Smyrna. Some members of the first crew, which returned from a 14-day assignment on Tuesday, July 22, have returned to duty for this trip. The crew is due home around Monday, August 11, 2008.

Michael K. Brown, a veteran crew boss who serves with Delaware's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), is commanding the crew, which includes veterans from the Delaware Forest Service, Delaware's Division of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, local firefighters and paramedics, and private volunteers certified to fight wildfires. The National Preparedness Level remains elevated at 4 on a 5-point scale. To underscore the dangers and risks that the local firefighters face, a young volunteer from Washington State was killed by a falling tree on July 25<sup>th</sup> in Trinity County, the same region where Delaware's first crew had been serving just a few days before.

<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Andrew Scott	Atkins	Millsboro	Fire Co. #83
Robert	Baldwin	Worton, PA	DNREC S&W Conservation
Michael K.	Brown	Hartley	DNREC S&W Conservation
Eric D.	Bugglin-Borer	Dover	Volunteer
Erich	Burkentine	Lewes	Delaware Forest Service
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Guy W.	Cooper	Georgetown	Delaware Forest Service
Howard	Harrison	Wilmington	Volunteer
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Tomothy J.	Moore	New Castle	Fire Co. #18
Thomas	Murray	Milton	Fire Co. #82
Andy B.	Ney	Felton	Fire Co. #48
Kyle L.	Perry	Bridgeville	Fire Co. #75
Henry D.	Poole	Townsend	Delaware Forest Service
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